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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Rest assured, women of Central Union Church, prayers are too churlish and hypocritical for such a one as Senator Geo. R. Carter. Nothing can be gained, as the object of the wish is farther from the thought, and that the same will not avail, nor prevail. More prayers, ladies!

Since it has been declared that the beer licenses issued by the Territory is unconstitutional, inasmuch that it is against the United States constitution and laws, the same shall and may be deemed utterly void and of no force and effect. But as to expressing an opinion pro and con, THE INDEPENDENT feels that the same should be left to those more competent to deal with legal matters, and particularly to those having judicial minds. Judge Estee's decision may be sustained, is a conclusion to be seen when the appeal has been taken by those most concerned and interested.

And now comes Attorney General Dole and gives his legal opinion in regard to the thousand-acre clause in the Organic Act. He gave it upon the request of the Governor, which was given to the Executive Council yesterday while in session. In the powers of this Territory to sell and convey lands, he advises the government to act on the presumption that the clause applies to the full extent which Congress evidently intended, and says: "In case of a sale of public land, I think no bid should be accepted from a corporation owning a thousand acres." Right you are, Mr. Dole, and THE INDEPENDENT is with you.

Now that Judge Estee of the U. S. Federal District Court has decided and declared that the Primo Beer licenses are unconstitutional and void, and has enjoined Treasurer Wright of this Territory from issuing any more such licenses, upon the injunction prayed for by certain dealers in beer and liquors, another source of revenue to the Territorial Government, in so far as this case is concerned, is at an end. Whether this will settle the matter at present undecided as far as the Government by its treasurer is concerned. It is likely that an appeal may be taken by the corporation most interested, while the beer saloons dispensing the beverage

may still go on and sell the product of the local brewery to the detriment of the complainants and of the Mainland breweries mostly interested and concerned.

Prayers are of great relief and comfort to one who is an inveterate and an unmitigated sinner as well as to one whose heart and mind are heavily in grief and overburdened with sorrow, particularly during the Lenten fast. But to one of the Senator Carter kind, now on his way to Washington rejoicing and wishing with deep expectancy to gain a coveted post of honour and power as well, it is hardly of no avail at all. The prayers of mothers will not be of any good to one as he, for the wig wearing senator is not a regular church or prayer meeting attendant. The senator has been known to go a fishing, a hunting, a yachting, and what not, on the Lord's day—Sunday, the day of rest. Surely, it is of no use, as he is not above nor beyond redemption, and prayers will not gain the point he is after from the President, unless otherwise prevailed upon.

Attention has been privately pointed out that THE INDEPENDENT might have erred in its strictures upon those persons who sold beer at Hoolulu Park, in Hilo, on the two days race meet held there the beginning of this year, for they might have had the permission of the Government for the privilege of doing so during those two days. They might have had the license to do so, and which accounts for the non-recognition of the Sheriff and his police. And then again, even if such was the case, was it right that such license should have been allowed to the detriment of the other beer and liquor dispensers who owned and kept saloons there at great expense for the purpose and who paid much higher license fees for the privilege? It was not just to the saloon keepers and it should not, as a matter of right and justice, have been allowed there.

THE INDEPENDENT is of the opinion that it is rightly within the province of the Superintendent of Public Works to regulate the speed with which the Rapid Transit cars are at the present time going upon the public highways within this city. These cars travel too speedily and are a source of great danger to the people, more particularly from the power house through town out past the one-mile bridge beyond the Reformatory School; and the same may be said on the down grade from Puuui hill, along Liliha street, where the speed is something reckless. But in the outskirts of the city we have nothing to say—these cars may use all the speed necessary. And still again, THE INDEPENDENT believes that the right is vested by authority of law in the Superintendent of Public Works to issue regulations, and would urge upon him the necessity of his doing so at once, or as soon as practicable, before any very serious accidents occur. Accidents have already occurred, some fatally, and to prevent any recurrence of them, a move should at once be made in this direction. It is very urgent and necessary, and he ought to get a move right away, and immediately, too. "Better late than never" is a true saying, and we give this out for what it is worth, it being, in our opinion, worth some consideration at the

hands of those in power, and of the people as well.

Is it professional in an attorney, after being engaged by clients to defend them, and had received certain stated fees from them to so defend them, to turn State's attorney for a further fee against others who were arrested at the same time and for the same offense? We ask the above in the cause of justice and of fairness to all concerned. This has really happened in Hilo, where a certain bludge attorney there was engaged to defend certain parties for the commission of a certain offense (that of gambling) against the laws of this country, and after learning all about their stories as to their side of the case, not at all forgetting to first bleed them with an excessive and an exorbitant stated fee, offered his services to the Government, stating that he was well acquainted with the case, and of course knew well the salient points of how to prosecute them. The attorney was finally accepted and engaged by the Sheriff. We were informed that the attorney asked a good fee and was paid out of police funds as a special officer. Here again is another matter against the Czar Sheriff that deserves investigation. But as to the ponderous legal luminary, we deem his conduct very unprofessional and unbecoming one who deems himself a shining legal star, or otherwise, we are at a loss to know the difference between professional and unprofessional conduct.

Hopper Company Incorporated.

Articles of incorporation of the James A. Hopper Company were filed with Treasurer Wright yesterday. The capital stock is \$50,000, and the shares are held as follows: Ellen L. Hopper 100, Mary H. Peterson 95, Margaret L. Hopper 100, Ellen H. Brown 95, E. W. Peterson 5, W. E. Brown 5, W. L. Hopper 100. The capital may be increased to \$500,000.

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In Honour of His Natal Day.

An entertainment was given last night out at St. Augustine's Chapel, Waikiki, by certain members of the congregation in honour of the Rev. Father Valentin, today being his natal day. Light refreshments were served and an entertaining program was carried out, Ellis' quintet furnishing the music.

Before the above had taken place, the members of the Roman Catholic Mission Band assembled in the Mission rooms and presented their leader, the Rev. Father Valentin, with a handsome silver-mounted baton. This is in recognition of valuable services rendered by the Father.

"Status Quo" Troubles Britain.

LONDON, Jan. 24.—Replying in the House of Commons today to questions regarding the Government's Eastern policy, Lord Cranborne, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said the occupation of a port on the Persian Gulf by Russia or any other foreign power would be inconsistent with the maintenance of the status quo, which it was the policy of the Government to maintain there. In regard to Manchuria, said Lord Cranborne, it was the Government's policy to maintain the status quo in China, as determined by treaty.

The Home Rulers did not hold their regular weekly meeting last evening, as there was no quorum present of the Executive committee.

DOUBLE KAHILI HANDLE.

Something Novel and Hardly Known to Antiquarians.

There is now in the possession of Jas. W. L. McGuire, in his expressage office on King street, near Alakea, a very novel Hawaiian curio in the shape of a kahili handle with two prongs or arms at the top for feathers. It came into his possession by purchase from an old native woman who came down from Maui, and she claims to have discovered it in a cave.

The entire handle is of whale bone, including the arms, but at the intersection at the arms is a piece of ivory, with pink beads studded above it, and also another piece of ivory (palaoa) at the end of the handle proper. The stem is about two feet long, and the arms each about as long, and is studded in sections with yellow, blue and black beads, probably of Spanish or of missionary origin.

The claim is made that there is none other of the kind extant nor known to exist at the present time or to have existed since the missionaries arrived here in 1820. But the claim is also made that it is known that one two-pronged kahili existed in the time of Lonoikamakahiki, a very high and sacred chief, who reigned over this island and Hawaii simultaneously about two or three centuries ago or even more.

It is said that it was during his time that a kahili of this kind was made for him, and being very large the birds of Hawaii shrieked, screamed and cried from the pain attendant upon the plucking of their gaudy plumage. This kahili was so large that it was known as Kawelolikapo (Kawelo-of-the night).

There is also another kahili handle in Mr. McGuire's possession, but of the well known single kind. This is also of whalebone and about four feet in length, but the handle proper is composed of sections of ivory and tortoise shell. Both of these handles are quite limber and Mr. McGuire is very fortunate in having acquired them, but more particularly the double one.

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